

MEETING MINUTES

TUMWATER GENERAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE

July 15, 2026



CONVENE: 11:07 a.m.

PRESENT: Acting Chair Brandon Weedon and Councilmember Joan Cathey

Excused: Councilmember Eileen Swarthout

Staff: City Administrator Paul Simmons, Assistant City Administrator Kelly Adams, City Attorney Karen Kirkpatrick, Community Development Director Brad Medrud, Finance Director Troy Niemeyer, Water Resources & Sustainability Director Dan Smith, Sustainability Manager Alyssa Jones Wood, Associate Planner Dana Bowers and Administrative Assistant Jessica Lee

**ORDINANCE NO.
O2026-008, BUILDING
DEMOLITION:**

Director Medrud presented Ordinance No. O2026-008 proposed amendments to the Tumwater Municipal Code related to building demolition requirements. The ordinance would require removal of building foundations following demolition unless the Building Official determines portions may remain, such as pilings or foundations intended for future development. The Planning Commission recommended approval, and staff requested placement of the ordinance on the July 21, 2026, City Council consent calendar.

MOTION: Councilmember Joan Cathey moved seconded by Councilmember Weedon, to place Ordinance No. O2026-008 on the July 21, 2026, City Council consent calendar with a recommendation to adopt. A voice vote approved the motion unanimously.

**ORDINANCE NO.
O2026-004, HOME
ENERGY SCORE
MODEL:**

Manager Jones Wood presented Ordinance No. 2026-004 revisions to the proposed Home Energy Score Ordinance, including increasing the proposed income eligibility threshold for subsidies from 80% to 150% of area median income. She explained the differences between a traditional home inspection

and a Home Energy Score audit, provided an update on regional implementation efforts, and outlined ongoing coordination with Thurston County and partner agencies to prepare for program implementation.

MOTION: **Councilmember Cathey moved seconded by Councilmember Weedon, to place Ordinance No. O2026-004, adding a new chapter for Residential Energy Performance Rating and Disclosure, on the July 21, 2026, City Council consideration calendar with a recommendation to approve. A voice vote approved the motion unanimously.**

ORDINANCE NO. O2026-016, PARKING LOT LIGHTING: Director Medrud presented Ordinance No. O2026-016 amendments to the off-street parking regulations to allow parking lot lighting up to 37 feet in height for qualifying large multi-building or multi-tenant developments adjacent to Interstate 5. He explained that the Planning Commission recommended approval and noted the ordinance cannot be adopted until the state review period concludes in early August. Staff recommended placing the ordinance on the August 18, 2026, City Council consent calendar.

MOTION: **Councilmember Weedon moved seconded by Councilmember Cathey, to place Ordinance No. O2026-016 on the August 18, 2026, City Council consent calendar with a recommendation to adopt. A voice vote approved the motion unanimously.**

AMENDMENT NO. 4 TO THE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH THE PORT OF OLYMPIA FOR THE BUSH PRAIRIE HABITAT CONSERVATION PLAN: Director Medrud presented Amendment No. 4 to the interlocal agreement with the Port of Olympia to reflect updated cost-sharing associated with the revised service provider agreement for completion of the Bush Prairie Habitat Conservation Plan. The amendment allocates shared funding for consultant services in 2026 and 2027 and provides an update on progress with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service review process.

MOTION: **Councilmember Weedon moved seconded by Councilmember Cathey, to place Amendment No. 4 to the Interlocal Agreement with the Port of Olympia for the Bush Prairie Habitat Conservation Plan on the July 21, 2026, City Council consent calendar with a recommendation to approve and authorize the Mayor to sign. A voice vote approved the motion unanimously.**

ADJOURNMENT:

With there being no further business, Acting Chair Weedon adjourned the meeting at 11:37 a.m.

Prepared by Jessica Lee, Administrative Assistant